

REMARKS

In response to interviews with Examiner Lee on June 15, 2005 and June 16, 2005, claims 1, 10, and 15 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are in the case. The Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the present application.

Record is made of a telephonic interview between Applicants' attorney Edmond A. DeFrank and Examiner A. Lee on June 15, 2005 and June 16, 2005. The cited references and the pending claims were discussed. A proposed amendment modifying the independent claims to make them consistent with FIG. 6 was discussed during the call to overcome the references and to place the case in condition for allowance. The above amendments reflect the agreement made during the discussions between the Applicants' attorney and Examiner Lee on the above mentioned interview dates.

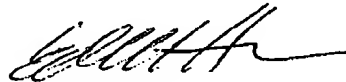
Thus, the Applicants submit that the case is now in condition for allowance because none of the cited references, in combination or alone, disclose, teach, or suggest all of the Applicants' features.

With regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03). Also, the other prior art references cited by the Examiner also have been considered by the Applicants in requesting allowance of the dependant claims and none have been found to teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention.

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the subject application are in immediate condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575.

Respectfully submitted,
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